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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the Full House Foreign Affairs Committee Re Poland,  
26 January 1982

1. On 26 January 1982, Agency representatives briefed the Full House Foreign Affairs Committee on the current situation and prospects for Poland. The closed briefing was held in Room 2172 Rayburn House Office Building. It began at 1415 hours and ended at 1540 hours. The Official House Reporters took the transcript.

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2. Present from CIA were: [ ]

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[ ] Deputy Director/Office of European Analysis/DDI

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[ ] Office of Soviet Analysis/DDI. [ ]

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3. Chairman Clement Zablocki (D., WI) presided. Other Members who attended all or a part of the session were: [ ]

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Lee Hamilton (D., IN)  
Stephen Solarz (D., NY)  
Robert Shamansky (D., OH)

Larry Winn (R., KS)  
Benjamin Gilman (R., NY)  
Millicent Fenwick (R., NJ)  
Arlen Erdahl (R., MN)  
John LeBoutillier (R., NY)

4. Present from the staff were: [ ]

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Jack Brady, Chief of Staff  
David Barton  
Bob Huber  
Alison Brenner  
Ed Fox

George Berdes  
Vance Hyndman  
Mike Van Dusen  
Larry Sulc

5. After brief remarks by the Chairman, [ ] introduced our briefers and their subjects. [ ] began with an explanation of the economic problems faced by Poland. Some of the troubled areas are continued low productivity, lack of hard currency, inability to fill food needs, and debt rescheduling difficulties. She said that the economy was now under strong central control and that except for a refusal to reschedule the debt, sanctions would not have a profound effect on Poland's economy. [ ] briefed the Members on the political situation. He said that some parts of martial law will be lifted but that the traditional controls typical for a Communist regime will continue in force. Solidarity is reconstituting its infrastructure, but many Solidarity leaders including Walesa, remain under house arrest or have been detained. The Church is playing a conciliatory

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role in an effort to prevent bloodshed and continue the talks between the Government, Solidarity, and the Church. He characterized the present status as an unstable stalemate which would degenerate into a flare-up over the repression within months. [REDACTED]

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6. During the question and answer period, Chairman Zablocki asked about the role of Arch Bishop Glemp. Representative Hamilton sought information on the specific steps the U.S.S.R. have taken in connection with the imposition of martial law. [REDACTED] gave a detailed chronology of Soviet actions and Representative Hamilton wondered if we had hard, specific evidence. [REDACTED] then gave some background on our evidence which he described as solid. Representative Hamilton wondered why our allies have not been more supportive of us if our evidence is so good. [REDACTED] explained that the Europeans view the situation in terms of their own political priorities which are different from those of the U.S. She added that where we have met with them and given them our evidence, there has been a definite shift in their attitude. Representative Winn said that in his recent visits with European parliamentarians he concluded that they were with us more than we think. Representative Solarz had a series of questions about the consequences of bankruptcy. Representative Gilman asked about the refugee situation and whether people who wished to leave Poland would be permitted to do so. Representative Fenwick wanted to know about the role of the uniformed police. [REDACTED] said that they were equipped like the Army and were especially known for their loyalty and harshness. [REDACTED]

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7. There were no follow-up items. [REDACTED]

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